

REMARKS

In response to the Requirement for Restriction, issued September 3, 2002, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, Claims 1-14, 19-33, and 38-45, drawn to an apparatus for connection to a fluid transport line. The restriction requirement is submitted to be improper because Group II is not 'independent and distinct' from Group I. In view of the forgoing, Applicants respectfully request that the requirement be withdrawn upon reconsideration.

✓ With respect to the identified chemical purified species, Applicants provisionally elect the single disclosed species of hydrogen peroxide for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. New claim 46 is readable thereon.

✓ With respect to the identified contaminant removed species, Applicants provisionally elect the single disclosed species of a combination of an anionic contaminant and a cationic contaminant for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. New claim 47 is readable thereon.

✓ With respect to the identified purification material species, Applicants provisionally elect the single disclosed species of a first cartridge comprising an organic contaminant-reducing purification cartridge, a second cartridge comprising an anionic contaminant-reducing purification material, and a third cartridge comprising a cationic contaminant-reducing purification material for

prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claim 22 is readable thereon.

Claim Amendments


Claim 46 was added to isolate the single disclosed species of hydrogen peroxide. Support for this amendment is on Page 9, in Paragraph 38 of the Specification.

Claim 47 was added to isolate the single disclosed species of a combination of an anionic contaminant and a cationic contaminant. Support for this amendment is on Page 12, in Paragraph 43 of the specification.

Early and favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone call would expedite prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

46. (New) The cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the chemical to be purified is further comprised of a hydrogen peroxide solution.
47. (New) The cartridge according to claim 46, wherein the purification material reduces the amount of a combination of cationic contaminant and an anionic contaminant, in the chemical to be purified upon contact therewith.